GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2598
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US SOCIAL SECURITY TAX
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed agreement of administrative protocol with the US relating to abolition of Social Security Tax on those who visit US on H-1B Visa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to become effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) (b) & (c) We have proposed entering into a bilateral Totalisation Agreement with the United States to avoid duplication in payment of social security by Indian professionals working in the United States on temporary work visas. The draft Agreement has been shared with U.S. Government for their comments. Details of the proposed Agreement are yet to be firmed up. No date can as yet be indicated for signing the Agreement.